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From: Whitley, Christopher
Sent: Fri 6/20/2014 3:05:29 PM
Subject: RE: Veronique's story errors

Even the best make mistakes now and then.

From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2014 10:01 AM
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Thanks. I would have thought she already knew that. Might have been in a hurry and just taking the lead from Koster. It seems we need to carefully manage the reporters to make sure they are getting the facts correct. At the end of the day the public record is what matters most. EPA R7's science and engineering experts are providing authoritative oversight on WL. We'll continue to do so to ensure the public is protected. Distractions chasing down decades old data from other agencies that MDNR already signed off on in the 2005 USACE ROD and factual errors in the media are not particularly helpful in keeping the public safe.

Best,

Curtis

From: Whitley, Christopher
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2014 9:45 AM
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Veronique has corrected the story as follows:

Koster also accused the EPA of failing to provide the results of radioactivity testing along the

routes used to haul radioactive material to the West Lake Landfill in the 1970s. The EPA says that testing was conducted by the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, not the EPA.

Earlier this month, Koster's office submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the EPA and the Army Corps to try to obtain that information. Koster said he either wants to see the original data, or have the EPA order new radioactivity testing of the 1970s haul routes surrounding the West Lake Landfill.

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From: Carey, Curtis
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Chris,

Appreciate your efforts in managing the Koster issue yesterday!

Veronique has gotten some facts wrong in her latest story that should be corrected. Please contact her so she can make a correction.

Third to last para. "EPA says it conducted that testing prior to 2005".

In fact, DOE, USAC and MDNR conducted those tests. The data belongs to those organizations. AG Koster knows this. If Veronique would like more on this data she should consulted those organizations for details.

From:

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